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SUBJECT VOA PROGRAMMING: TRADE BILL

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TEXT

1. VOA RUSSIAN CARRIED SEVERAL BRIEF NEWS ITEMS ON TRADE BILL
PASSAGE AND CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS AND ANALYSES EXPLAINING
WHAT TRADE BILL IS WHERE IT STANDS IN CONGRESS. IN ADDITION,
RUSSIAN SERVICE CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM JACKSON DEC. 13 SENATE
FLOOR SPEECH REFLECTING HIS VIEWS OF WHAT COMPROMISE BETWEEN
CONGRESS AND ADMINISTRATION MEANS. THIS WAS PRECEDED BY
DISCLAIMER REITERATING WHAT SECRETARY SAID IN DECEMBER 2
SFC TESTIMONY, I.E., THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO SOVIET ASSURANCES
ON NUMBERS OF EMIGRANTS. INCLUDING DISCLAIMER, PIECE RAN 12
MINUTES AND WAS REPEATED THROUGH REGULAR PROGRAM CYCLE ON EACH
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POLITICAL SHOW ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DEC 14/15. (EVENTS AND

OPINIONS, 10 PM MOSCOW TIME SATURDAY; BREAKFAST SHOW, 6 AM SUNDAY; CENTRAL ASIAN AND SIBERIAN SEGMENT 3, 4 AND 6 PM SUNDAY; "PANORAMA" 8 PM SUNDAY; AND "NIGHT OWL" MIDNIGHT SUNDAY.)

2. OTHER VOA SERVICES BORADCASTING IN LANGUAGES OF USSR CARRIED ONLY NEWS ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT. VOA ENGLISH CARRIED SAME MATERIAL.

3. RUSSIAN SERVICE COVERAGE CONSISTENT WITH NORMAL PATTERN OF REPORTING FULLY ON WHAT ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS HAVE SAID ABOUT TRADE AND EMIGRATION ISSUE. FOR EXAMPLE, RUSSIAN SERVICE PROVIDED COMPARABLE COVERAGE ON KISSINGER-JACKSON TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND KISSINGER DEC. 7 PRESS CONFERENCE, ALL WITH QUOTES AND ACTUALITIES.

4. VOA HAS REPORTED ON TASS STATEMENT AND REACTION IN US AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AS EVENTS WARRANT. AIM IS TO AVOID SEEMING TO ENCOURAGE PROSPECTIVE EMIGRANTS AND TO MAINTAIN FACTUAL, NON-PEJORATIVE TONE REFLECTING EVENTS AS THEY HAPPE.

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